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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the European Search Report and one copy of each of these documents is attached.


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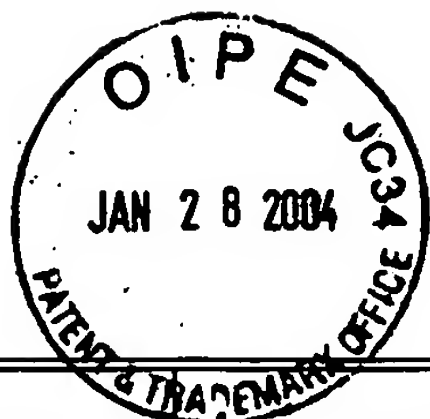


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